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The Honorable Harold Furchtgott-Roth
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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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RE: WT Docket No. 96-86

Dear Commissioner Furchtgott-Roth:

As you may know, I met with your colleagues on July 17, 1998 to discuss federal, state and local public safety communications needs, an issue of great significance to all Americans. I regret that our schedules did not permit us to engage in a similar conversation.

I would like to take this opportunity to address briefly one of the points I raised during my July 17 meetings: the importance of federal co-equal access with state and local users to the newly allocated public safety spectrum (764-776 MHz, 794-806 MHz). Federal agencies seek access to this spectrum solely for interoperability and shared system use. The effectiveness of federal, state and local public safety agencies is tied to their ability to communicate with each other in crisis situations, such as the World Trade Center and Oklahoma City bombings. Federal access to the newly allocated interoperability channels is therefore critical. Similarly, federal participation on the general service spectrum in partnership with state and local public safety agencies fosters interoperability and promotes spectrum efficiency and infrastructure/equipment sharing.

As you know, the recent reallocation of television channels 63, 64, 68 and 69 is the single largest allocation to public safety services in history. I urge you to make the most of this opportunity by granting federal co-equal access to this spectrum. If the Commission were merely to grant federal agencies access that is cancellable at the discretion of their state and local counterparts, federal users would be discouraged from investing in shared systems.

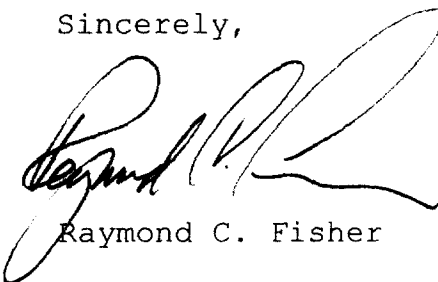
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The Honorable Harold Furcht-Roth
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Again, I regret that we did not have an opportunity to discuss this issue in person. If you would like to talk about the matter in greater detail, please call me at (202) 514-9500.

Sincerely,

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Raymond C. Fisher

cc: Magalie R. Salas
Secretary



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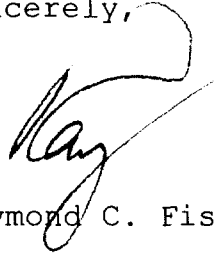
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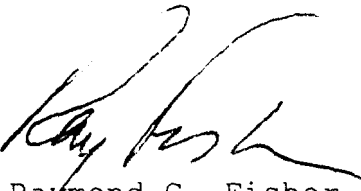
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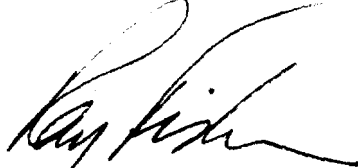
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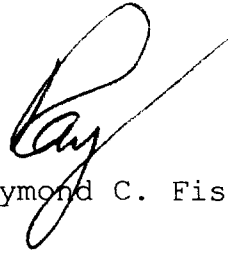
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